TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 2nd August, 1922.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council met at the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, Trivandrum, at Eleven Thirty of the Clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12.*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

NIRUTHAL LANDS INCLUDED IN FOREST RESERVES.

35. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the total area of *wet lands* in the State which were once under cultivation and which have been subsequently treated as *Niruthal* and included in Forest reserves?

(*b*) Will the Government be kind enough to make a separate survey of those lands in small blocks of one or two acres each so as to consider the feasibility of their being brought under registry?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Government are not in possession of the information.

(*b*) The question of disafforesting areas suitable for paddy cultivation is engaging the attention of Government.

REVISED PUDUVAL RULES.

36. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI: (*a*) Has there been any material increase in the *puduval* revenue in 1097 during which year the revised rules were being worked, as compared with 1096?

(*b*) How much land has been disposed of by public auction according to the new rules and at what average rates have the bids been accepted?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) and (*b*) The information required by the member has been called for and will be laid on the table when received.

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